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Detailed Description Text - DETX (10):

FIG. 4 shows a system embodiment of the present invention. We will refer to the person using the system shown in FIG. 4, for example as part of a weight control program, as the user. A device for the measurement of metabolic rate (a metabolic rate meter) 50 provides metabolic rate data relating to the user at intervals to computing device 52. Preferably, an indirect calorimeter (such as that described in U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/630,398) provides RMR measurements of the user to computing device 52. Device 52 has a display 54 and buttons 56. Buttons 56 may be used for data input (for example navigation through menus, character entry, and the like),

changing the operating mode of the device (for example between computer and other functionality such as wireless phone), initiating a voice record, initiating an image capture, or other processes. Data entry may also be achieved using a stylus, touch-screen, roller-jog mechanism, touch-sensitive pad, monitoring eye-movements, voice recognition software, bar-code scanning, optical character recognition, or other convenient data entry mechanism. Preferably, computing device 52 is a personal digital assistant (PDA), but may be any electronic device such as a portable computer; electronic organizer; e-book; wireless phone; pager; wristwatch with added functionality; electronic system such as a system having separate display, entry, and computing modules; any portable/wearable device; a pedometer with added computing functionality; or a desktop computer system.